

HR 12565

LIG MEETING - 7 MAY 1974

AGENDA

- A. Foreign Aid
- B. Military Procurement
- C. Freedom of Information Act Amendments
- D. Protection of Sources and Methods

A. FOREIGN AID

S. 3117 - Muskie Amendment to Department of State Authorization

Expands the authority of ambassadors.

Amends State's basic statutory authority to provide that ambassadors shall have full responsibility for the direction, coordination, and supervision of all United States Government officers and employees in that country, excluding military personnel. All departments are to keep the ambassadors fully and currently informed with regard to all activities and operations conducted in that country.

STATUS: Before Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

S. 3394 - Amendments to Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
(Administration Bill)

Authorizes transfer of funding of military assistance to Laos from MASF to MAP for FY 1975.

Sec. 8 authorizes \$985 million for military assistance for FY 1975 which includes transfer of military assistance to Laos from MASF to MAP as required by P. L. 93-189.

STATUS: Before Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

B. MILITARY PROCUREMENT

H. R. 12565 - Defense Supplemental Procurement Authorization -  
FY 74

Raises ceiling of MASF funds to Laos and South Vietnam.  
Sec. 401 raises the ceiling for Military Assistance Service Funded Program (MASF) program for Laos and South Vietnam for FY 1974 from \$1.126 billion to \$1.6 billion, as increase of \$474 million.

See pp. 20-21 of House report.

STATUS: Passed House 4 April; before Senate Committee on Armed Services.

S. 2999 - Defense Supplemental Procurement Authorization -  
FY 74

Prohibits use of funds, under Defense Supplemental or by any other law which are unobligated on date of passage of S. 2999, for or on behalf of any country in S. E. Asia.

STATUS: Passed Senate 6 May.

C. AMENDMENTS TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

S. 2543

May possibly come up for Committee vote 8 May. Our efforts have been briefings of staff men of selected members of the Judiciary Committee. These include the following:

Sen. Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.)	Will support position.
Sen. Edward J. Gurney (R., Fla.)	" " "
Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.)	Probably will support.
Sen. John L. McClellan (D., Ark.)	" " "
Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.)	" " "
Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D., W. Va.)	Unknown, but may support.
Sen. Hugh Scott (R., Pa.)	" " " "

Paul Summitt, McClellan's staff man on the Judiciary Committee, assures that McClellan will present Agency position before Judiciary Committee; however, it is not clear at this time whether McClellan will strongly support the Agency.

Doug Marvin, Hruska's staff man on Judiciary Committee matters, has compromised most points on bill with Kennedy's staff man, Tom Sussman. Our position for an exemption was rejected. They agreed on a criteria of reasonableness for court review of an agency's action withholding information.

STATUS: Before Senate Judiciary Committee.

D. PROTECTION OF SOURCES AND METHODS

All departments and agencies have submitted their comments to OMB on our legislative proposal. Justice opposes. Indications are State also opposes, but their position is not known at this time. Defense support us with certain technical suggested changes.